PATENT APPLICATION

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Examiner: K. Harris Karl-Heinz Ritter and Group Art Unit: 3747 Thomas M. Schmatz Confirmation No.: 5648 Application No.: 10/069,879 Filing Date: July 25, 2002 PROCESS FOR ATTACHING THE) For: OIL SUMP TO AN ENGINE BLOCK OF A COMBUSTION ENGINE October 1, 2003

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Preliminary to examination on the merits, kindly amend the application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims appear on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks appear on page 6 hereof.